

Circular Letter No. 372.

October 4, 1906.

To Superintendents.

Gentlemen:--

The annual courses in English for Porto Rican teachers will begin in the week of October 22, 1906, and will end in the week of May 20, 1907. Four regular courses will be provided by the Department: an elementary course, using as a text-book Lord's "Lessons in English"; an intermediate course, using as a text-book the newly prepared "Intermediate Course in English"; an advanced course, using as text-book "An Intermediate Course in English" and one or more dramatic works; and a correspondence course for teachers who are unable to attend the regular classes. In addition to the work suggested above, teachers in the intermediate and advanced courses will devote the first five lessons of the year to a study of the "Course of Study for Graded Schools", recently issued by the Department, covering the introduction and the work of the second, third and fourth grades.

Teachers who completed last year's elementary course with a standing of seventy per cent or more should be enrolled in the intermediate course for the present year; teachers who completed the intermediate course with a standing of seventy percent or over should be enrolled

in the advanced course; as the advanced course for this year is entirely different from any given previously, teachers who have taken advanced courses in the past are to continue in the same course; only teachers who are so located that it is extremely difficult for them to attend the regular sessions of the classes should be enrolled in the correspondence course.

It is probable that no teachers will be admitted to examinations for English Graded Certificate who have not taken the advanced course in English, or if located in towns where no advanced course is given, the intermediate course.

Superintendents are requested to report on or before the 13th instant the number of teachers in their district who will be enrolled in each of these courses.

Respectfully,

Commissioner of Education.

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